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## Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

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The amendment document filed on <u>07 November 2005</u> is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

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| THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:  1. Amendments to the specification:  A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.  B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.  C. Other  |
| <ul> <li>2. Abstract:</li> <li>A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.</li> <li>B. Other</li> </ul>  |
| <ul> <li>3. Amendments to the drawings:</li> <li>A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).</li> <li>B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required.</li> <li>C. Other</li> </ul>  |
| <ul> <li>✓ 4. Amendments to the claims:</li> <li>☐ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.</li> <li>☐ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims)</li> <li>☐ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended).</li> <li>☐ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.</li> <li>☑ E. Other: See Continuation Sheet.</li> </ul> |
| For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714 and the USPTO website at <a href="http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf">http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf</a> .   |

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- 2. Applicant is given **one month**, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the **corrected section** of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action.

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GREGORY J. STRIMBI PRIMARY EXAMINER

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Continuation of 4(e) Other: The applicant has made changes to the claims without using the proper underlining/strikethrough. For example, claim 3 has been amended to include the word "A", however, the word has not been underlined in amended claim 3. Additionally, the phrase "characterized in that" in original claim 3 has not been included and struckthrough in amended claim 3.